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**Title:** Change Trapping Season opening day time

**The Problem:**

Current regulations open trapping seasons at 4:00a.m. on the opening days. At that time it is too dark to be safely setting traps, to avoid conflicts with other trappers and safely maneuvering boats without the aid of sufficient lights on boats. Competition on opening days is very strong (with rising fur prices) between trappers looking for spots and locations. In addition, Law enforcement availability is also minimal at this time of day.

BE IT RESOLVED that a statewide opening of trapping seasons at 7:00 a.m. would make for a safer environment and for better, more stable relationships between trappers. After opening day, trap checking times can return to the present time of 4:00 a.m. after trappers have established their areas.

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